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JOYCE AND THE MINE LEASE.

BY FRANK H. SWEET.

Joyce Killian was only two weeks from a select boarding school in the east, where the young ladies were zealously guarded from all contact with the rough outside world; yet this morning she was tearing down Snake Rock canyon upon a mustang not three months from the hands of a bronco buster, a mustang with gaudy, cumbersome horse trappings that had been brought up from Mexico more as curiosities than for use.

But there was no fear nor self-consciousness in Joyce's face, and instead of trying to check the mustang her hand went out from time to time to stroke and pat its neck encouragingly as her voice urged it on.

When she left the canyon, she struck a more level country, and here the mustang was let out to its full speed. Bedrock was still ten miles away, and she must reach it and be back to the mine before night, and it was already well on toward noon. As she swept across the prairie she broke into a ringing class song. It was the keynote of her spirits, a tribute to the outdoor life and freedom, and in her eyes was a dancing buoyant gladness which flushed her cheeks and smiled from her lips.

Bedrock was a one-street town which began and ended in tents, with a few unpainted frame buildings in the center. It was an hour after noon when Joyce slipped from her horse in front of the office of "Gregg & Graw, mine brokers and operators." Both of the proprietors were in, and both rose at her entrance. Young ladies of Joyce's type were not yet common at Bedrock.

"I wish to see you about the Snake Rock mine lease," Joyce began, graciously.

Gregg bowed, but not before the visitor imagined she saw a swift glance flash between the partners. "I understand; it expires in ten days, I believe," said Gregg, blandly. "You are Miss Killian?"

"Yes; we wish to renew the lease on the terms you proposed."

"Visiting at Snake Rock camp with your brother?" went on Gregg. "It's very picturesque up there, but—er—a little wild for an eastern young lady's conventionalism, I'd think. Are you in business with your brother?"

"In a way. But about the lease. Will you kindly make it out as soon as possible? I have some shopping to do in town, and it is a long ride back to camp. My brother will sign the papers and return them at once. There are only ten days, and he wishes to have the matter arranged with out delay."

"Why didn't he come down himself?" demanded Graw, bluntly.

"He is very busy at the mine, and I convinced him that I could attend to it just as well," Joyce answered. "He said it was to be made out at five thousand—your own offer."

Graw laughed aloud. "That offer was made four weeks ago," he said, "and your brother declined it."

"You mean you will not renew it for that?"

"Exactly."

Joyce lost some of her color. All the money they had was invested in the mine, and the lease ran out in ten days.

"Well," she said, slowly, "I am authorized, in case you should decline to continue your offer, to raise the amount to what was paid last year, ten thousand."

"Which we must decline," said Gregg, suavely; "with real regret, you understand. And I will add that we would decline a hundred thousand just as promptly."

"You mean that you will not release on any terms?" the girl's white lips asked.

"Exactly. We expect to resume operations there ourselves."

Joyce gazed at him steadily for a few moments, then the color surged back to her face. "I understand," she said; "you have heard the news, and I suppose you call this business. You made a fortune out of the mine, and then when you lost the vein you sold it to my brother through misrepresentation. He paid you ten thousand, and has sunk more than ten thousand in searching for that vein. Until day before

yesterday, from nearly a year's work, he took out less than one thousand dollars. He told me that you were up there yourselves only a short time ago, trying to induce him to re-lease the mine for five thousand, believing it to be exhausted. Some of the men heard you talking to each other, and you said that the mine was not worth the cost of a pickax. Now—"

"As your brother has re-discovered the vein, richer than ever," finished Graw, coolly, "we propose to operate it ourselves. But we are not so hard as you think, Miss Killian; and we really feel for your brother. You may tell him that if he will turn the mine over to us at daylight to-morrow we will pay him back one-half the year's lease—\$5,000."

"And let him lose the other fifteen thousand?" flashed back Joyce. "No; thank you. We will hold the mine until the very last moment of the lease."

But once outside she wondered if she had done the very best she could. Would not the five thousand—but no, he would not agree to that. Like her, he would rather fight to the very last ditch.

She must do something, however. Her brother was down in the mine, working fiercely with his men at the almost pure vein which the explosives had discovered, and believing that she would return with the new lease. Only ten more days, and he did not know it. What could she do?

Before she had gone a hundred yards she knew, and instead of keeping toward the stores she hurried to the only printing office Bedrock contained. An hour later the town was conspicuously posted with:

"Men wanted at Snake Rock mine for ten days. Wages, ten dollars a day, pack mules seven."

Ordinary wages for good laborers were three or four dollars per day. Bosses and superintendents did not average ten. In an hour men were leaving regular jobs of work and ruthlessly breaking engagements. When Joyce finished her necessary shopping and started for home she found stragglers and groups with picks and shovels scattered along the trail for two miles or more. But she reached the mouth of the mine first, and sent an imperative summons for her brother to come to the surface. When he joined her, a half-hour later, 20 men were hurrying up the slope, and between the 50 and Bedrock several hundred more.

The regular force of the mine was less than a hundred men; but the next morning half a thousand names were on the pay roll, divided into day and night shifts, with a hundred more who were owners of pack mules. Every working space large enough for a man had its laborer with pick or shovel, dynamite or car; and every laborer, under the stimulus of the ten dollars a day, was working with a heartiness that had never been his before. A great stream of ore rolled up out of the mine to the backs of the pack mules, and on to the smelter at Bedrock, whence came certificates of credit with figures that would have staggered a mine owner of moderate ideas. But the owner of Snake Rock did not see them. He was down in the mine, working and watching day and night to see that the great stream should not lessen in production for even an instant.

Joyce insisted on a share in the work, and remained at the mouth of the mine with book and pencil, keeping a record of the stream as it flowed past; and it was she who took charge of the credit slips as they came in. But even to her inexperienced eyes the figures brought an odd look of amazed delight that grew stronger day by day.

So a week went by, eight days, nine days, and the tenth was nearing its close when her brother came up from the mine, and staggered weakly to where Joyce was standing with her book and pencil. Behind him came the men of the day shift, slipping through the mouth of the mine like the coils of a huge serpent. The vein had again disappeared, and four hours of the lease remained.

When her brother looked over the credit slips the weariness left his face. "I knew it would be something tremendous," he said to Joyce, with a long breath; "but I never suspected anything like this. We will go back to the east." —Young People.

THE SUNDAY BIBLE SCHOOL

Lesson in the International Series for September 18, 1904—"Israel Reproved."

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LESSON TEXT.

(Amos 5:4-15; Memory verses, 14, 15.)

4. For thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel: Seek ye Me, and ye shall live; but seek not Bethel, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beersheba; for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to naught.

5. Seek the Lord and ye shall live; fear Him and there be none to question it in Bethel.

6. Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, I seek Him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark as night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth. The Lord is His name.

7. That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortresses.

8. They hate Him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor Him that speaketh uprightly.

9. Therefore shall ye be despised as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat; ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

10. For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins; they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right.

11. Therefore shall ye perish, because ye have said: We shall not see evil, time shall be good and not evil, that we may live; and we shall not see evil, that we may live; and we shall not see evil, that we may live.

12. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of Hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

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Church Directory.

METHODIST CHURCH.

PASTOR, Rev. T. V. Joiner.
PREACHING, every Sunday at 11 a. m.
SUNDAY SCHOOL, every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.
Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

PASTOR, Rev. T. A. Conway.
PREACHING, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and at night.
SERMON AND BUSINESS MEETING 2nd Saturday night.
SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.
PRAYER MEETING every Thursday night.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN.

PASTOR, Rev. J. F. Price.
PREACHING, 1st and 3rd Sundays in each month.
SUNDAY SCHOOL opens at 9:30 a. m. every Sunday.
TEACHERS' MEETING is held at church every Tuesday at 8 p. m.

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PASTOR, Rev. S. J. Martin.
PREACHING, 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays and nights.
SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.
PRAYER MEETING every Wednesday night.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

PASTOR, Elder H. A. McDonald, Cadiz, Ky.
PREACHING, 2nd and 3rd Sundays in each month at 11 a. m. and at night.
SUNDAY SCHOOL every Sunday at 9:30 a. m.

Outside Appointments

of Our Local Preachers.

Rev. E. J. Martin, 2nd Sunday and night, Tolu; 3th Sunday, Mounds.
Rev. T. A. Conway, 3rd Sunday, Rock Springs.
Rev. W. T. Oakley, 1st Sunday, Mt. Carmel; 2nd Sunday, Bell's Mines; 3rd Sunday, Sugar Grove; 4th Sunday, Crayneville.
Rev. T. C. Carter, 1st Sunday, Pond Fork; 2nd Sunday, Kuttawa; 3rd, Pinkneyville; 4th, Salem.
Rev. E. B. Blackburn, 1st Sunday, Dolans; 2nd Sunday, Walnut Grove; 4th, Crooked Creek.
Rev. J. A. Price, 2nd Sunday, Liscann; 4th, Sullivan.
Rev. U. G. Hughes, 1st Sunday, Emmaus Church; 2nd, Sugar Creek; 3rd, Baker Church; 4th, Old Salem.
Rev. J. S. Henry, 1st Sunday, Union; 2nd, Dub Springs; 4th, Shady Grove. Services held both Saturday and Sunday.

Lodge Directory.

HIGHAM LODGE NO. 256 F. & A. M.
Regular meeting in Masonic Hall Saturday before full moon in each month.
Visiting members are invited to attend.
C. S. Nunn, W. M.
J. B. Kevil, Sec'y.

CRITTENDEN CHAPTER NO. 76.
Meets Saturday night after full moon in each month.
P. C. Stephens, H. P.
J. B. Kevil, Sec'y.

WINGATE COUNCIL NO. 35.
Meets 1st & 3rd Monday night in each month.
J. G. Gilbert, T. I. M.
J. B. Kevil, Sec'y.

BLACKWELL LODGE NO. 37, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
Meets in K. of P. Hall every Friday night from October to April inclusive, and 2nd and 4th Friday nights from May to September inclusive. All visiting members of sister lodges are invited to attend.

Wm. A. Ringo, Cancellor Commander.
Sandy Adams, K. R. and S.

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Meets 1st and 3rd Monday nights in Masonic Hall.
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B. L. Wilborn, Recorder.

ROSEWOOD CAMP, NO. 22, W. O. W.
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W. H. Clark, Com. Com.
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J. B. Kevil, JUDGE.
J. C. Bourland, CLERK.
H. K. Woods, TREASURER.
Jno. A. Moore, ATTORNEY.
A. S. Cannon, CHIEF OF POLICE.
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Regular meeting of City Council second Tuesday night in each month.
CITY COURT first Monday in each month.

Court Calendar.

CIRCUIT COURT convenes on the third Monday in March, the fourth in June and the third in November.

COUNTY COURT convenes on the second Monday in each month.

QUARTERLY COURT convenes on the fourth Monday in each month.

FISCAL COURT convenes on the first Tuesday in April and October.

Court Officials and

County Officers.

CIRCUIT JUDGE—J. W. Gordon.
COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY—Jno. L. Gray.
COUNTY JUDGE—Aaron Towery.
SHERIFF—J. Watts Lamb.
COUNTY ATTORNEY—Carl Henderson.

CIRCUIT CLERK—John G. Asher.
COUNTY CLERK—C. E. Weldon.
ASSESSOR—G. T. Bell.
JAILER—A. H. Travis.
SCHOOL SUPERVISOR—Jno. B. Paris.
COMMISSIONER—W. A. Halcomb.

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J. R. Postlethwait, precinct No. 1
G. F. Williams, " " 2
T. P. Hard, " " 3
T. M. LaRue, " " 4
P. C. Moore, " " 5
Geo. D. Hughes, " " 6
L. B. Phillips, " " 7
T. M. Dean, " " 8

I. C. Time Table.

	No. 202	No. 201
NORTH BOUND		
Leave Princeton	6:30 a. m.	5:40 p. m.
Arrive Marion	7:00 "	6:20 "
" Sturgis	7:44 "	6:39 "
" Morgantown	8:30 "	6:56 "
" Henderson	9:20 "	7:46 "
" Evansville	9:45 "	8:25 "
SOUTH BOUND	No. 201	No. 202
Leave Evansville	8:30 a. m.	4:40 p. m.
Arrive Henderson	9:20 "	6:05 "
" Morgantown	9:45 "	6:30 "
" Sturgis	10:30 "	6:55 "
" Marion	11:20 "	7:45 "
" Princeton	12:15 p. m.	8:40 "
" Hopkinsville	1:15 "	10:25 "
" Nashville	7:30 "	

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